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HFD Recognizes Local Pastors through Pastors in Partnership

WHAT: The Houston Fire Department will recognize local pastors who have partnered with the fire department in the "Pastors in Partnership Program" (PIP) during a luncheon.

WHEN: Today, October 2, 2007 at 11 a.m.

WHERE: Houston Baptist University (Hinton Center, Dillon II), 7502 Fondren.

DETAILS: The purpose of the PIP is to officially establish a network of local pastors who will partner with HFD to assist in crisis situations, as well as to ensure that we are getting the HFD fire and life safety info and training to certain areas of the Houston community; particular emphasis on economically disadvantaged communities where its residents are more likely to attend church than a civic association meeting.

Dr. Walter August, The Church At Bethel's Family, will be the keynote speaker. Attendees also include Mayor Bill White, Fire Chief Phil Boriskie, the HFD Command Staff, HBU President Robert L. Sloan, local pastors and corporation representatives who have assisted HFD in helping promote safety in the community.